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(C) On June 15 we delivered reftel points to Herberth Linder, Office Director in the MFA's Latin American Affairs Section. He revealed that Norway already joined a demarche with the EU, Canada and Switzerland, which was delivered to the Chairman of the National Assembly. The demarche expressed concerns regarding the Law of International Cooperation. Linder believes that the legislation is "not good" with respect to its likely affect on humanitarian groups in Venezuela, particularly given that Norway strongly supports a number of NGOs in that country. Visit Oslo's Classified website: http://www.state.sgov.gov/p/eur/oslo/index.cf m

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